

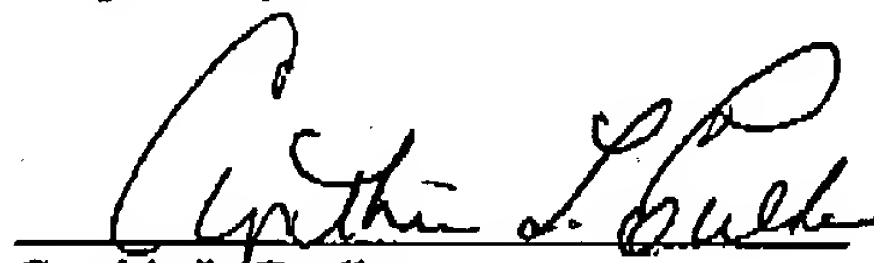
**REMARKS**

The limitation of claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 2, 3 and 4 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Entry is requested.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places this application in condition to be allowed.

Early and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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